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## DRIVE ON ITALIANS IS PREDICTED

### GERMANS MASKING AIRPLANES

Decorate Machines To Resemble U. S. Planes

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Friday, May 3. (By The Associated Press)—German aviators are now resorting to unsportsmanlike tricks in an endeavor to outwit American flyers. The trickiness of the German soldier afoot is emulated by enemy airmen who are marking their machines to make them look as much like allied markings as possible. Germans have taken to rounding off the corners of the cross on the wings of their planes to make them look like allied badges. The game of the German airmen is to play around, get in a shot if he can and then run. American flyers, for fear of attacking a probable friend, must get up close to enemy machines, usually after considerable maneuvering, before opening a fight.

### BRITISH ADVANCE ALONG SOMME HAIG ANNOUNCES

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LONDON, May 6.—The British line has been advanced on a considerable front between the Somme and Ancre rivers, west and southwest of Morlaucourt, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters today.

The British positions in the neighborhood of Locon and the Lawe river on the southern leg of the Lys salient in Flanders have been improved as the result of local fighting.

### NO PEACE OFFER BY HUN BALFOUR TELLS COMMONS

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LONDON, May 6.—Foreign Secretary Balfour told the house of commons today that no peace offers had been made recently by the enemy. He added:

"There is no representative of a neutral nation in this country who has made tentative or informal suggestions of peace negotiations."

Seal the German propagandist's mouth with War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps.

### JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR U. S. SOLDIERS



Lieut. Col. Edward A. Kreger has gone to France to assume charge of the office of judge advocate general for the American expeditionary forces. His work heretofore in the war has been in the office of the provost marshal general.

### BILLION DOLLARS ASKED FOR U. S. AIRCRAFT WORKS

WASHINGTON, May 6.—A billion dollar appropriation for aircraft production was asked of congress today by the war department. This would add to the \$640,000,000 appropriation already made and expended.

The estimate was presented to the house military committee by Major General March, acting chief of staff, and other officers. Other appropriations asked, as needed in the fifteen billion dollar army budget, included \$5,780,335,333 for the quartermaster's department and \$3,378,302,801 for the ordnance department for heavy guns and fortifications.

### WILSON ORDERS AIRCRAFT PROBE

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 6.—A department of justice investigation on the charges of graft in aircraft production made by Gutson Goryham, the sculptor, was ordered today by President Wilson.

Borglum's charges of pro-German influence also will be investigated. Demand for a criminal investigation was made in the senate recently.

Investigation by the department of justice was asked of the president by Howard Coffin, formerly chairman of the aircraft board, who declared he had made the request in order that the reputation of innocent men might not be ruined by charges that have been made.

Patriotism, local pride and just common selfishness all say "Buy War Savings Stamps."

### HUNS LOSE 21 PLANES IN 1 DAY

British Brought Down 106 In 6 Weeks

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LONDON, May 6.—A wounded British airman, back from France, reports that the squadron operating in an important sector on the Amiens front has probably established a record by bringing down 106 enemy machines in six weeks, including 21 on one day.

The only member of the squadron known to have been wounded up to the time this man returned to London said it was hard work getting the Germans to fight.

"The supreme confidence of our fellows is half the battle," said the airman. "During the German offensive they have been doing four shows a day, returning only for ammunition and an occasional meal and possibly a game of cards."

"Nearly all the machines we brought down were two-seaters. In fact few of the German airmen will fly anything else. The pilots like a man with a gun behind them."

### SUMMARY OF U. S. SOLDIERS' ACTIVITIES WILL BE GIVEN OUT

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 6.—The war department's weekly review of the military situation has been abandoned and announcement of Secretary Baker's new plan for furnishing the nation with adequate and authentic news of the American troops in France is expected shortly.

It is believed an official daily summary dealing almost exclusively with the activities of American troops will be given out.

### SHERWOOD BILL TO GO BEFORE SENATE

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 6.—The Sherwood bill, granting a minimum pension of \$25 a month to Civil war veterans, was passed by the house today and now goes to the senate.

### RAILROADETTES?

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LIMA, O.—Women are to replace men in some of the lighter work in the Baltimore and Ohio railroad yards here, according to railroad officials who are advertising for women labor. Wages will be \$2.20 a day. Men, the railroad officers say, can make more money in other kinds of work and are needed elsewhere for war work.

### DILLON SUCCEEDS REDMOND IN HOUSE



John Dillon has succeeded the late John E. Redmond as nationalist leader in the house of commons. Mr. Dillon has been a member of parliament since 1890 as the representative of County Mayo.

### IRISH URGED TO STAND FIRM ON DRAFT QUESTION

Dillon Addresses 15,000 On Conscription. Thinks Antis Will Be Victors.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LONDON, May 6.—Anti-conscription speeches were made from the same platform by John Dillon, Nationalist leader, and Professor De Valera, head of the Sinn Fein, yesterday at Ballaghaderreen in Dillon's constituency of East Mayo. The demonstration was attended by 15,000 persons.

Mr. Dillon said that if the Irish kept united and determined for another two weeks, they would defeat conscription.

He earnestly appealed for a frank and friendly co-operation throughout Ireland. Without this, unity was impossible.

The Nationalist leader declared he was convinced that it would take an army such as England could ill spare to carry out successfully conscription in Ireland. He was also convinced that the government would split on the Irish rock and instead of destroying the Irish nation the Irish would destroy them.

### SENATE TAKES RAP AT I. W. W.; BILL IS SENT TO THE HOUSE

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 6.—By a margin of one vote a motion proposing that the senate proceed next Friday to consider the house woman suffrage resolution to the constitution was defeated in the senate today. The vote was 40 to 21, just less than the necessary two-thirds.

Optimistic Thought. Wrongs should be redressed without compulsion.

### TWENTY-EIGHT SHIPS LAUNCHED IN WEEK

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 6.—Ten steel ships of 57,895 tons and six wooden ships of 21,500 tons were launched by American yards in the week ending May 5, the shipping board announced today. Twelve steel ships of 80,180 tons were delivered to the board complete in the same period.

### REPRISALS UPON PRISONERS; HUN PAPERS DEMAND

Urge German Government To Avenge Death Of Victim Of Lynching.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) AMSTERDAM, May 6.—The lynching at Collinsville, Ill., last month of Robert P. Prager, a German who was accused by the mob which hanged him of disloyalty, has infuriated German editors. The Zeitung Am Mittag of Berlin calls upon the German government to make strong representations at Washington reminding the United States government that Germany holds a number of American prisoners upon whom reprisals might be taken "so as to prevent the lynching of Germans in America from becoming a fashionable sport."

### 6 DIE IN ACTION WITH U. S. FORCE

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 6.—The casualty list today contained 88 names, divided as follows: Killed in action 6, died of wounds 3, died of accident 2, died of disease 9, died of other causes 1, wounded severely 4, wounded slightly 48, missing in action 15.

### MRS. POTTER PALMER DIES; WAS MEMBER OF HONOR LEGION

(By Associated Press to The Banner) SARASOTA, Florida, May 6.—Mrs. Potter Palmer of Chicago is dead at her winter home here. She died of pneumonia.

Mrs. Palmer, who was born in Louisville, had been ill some time.

During the Chicago International Exposition, Mrs. Palmer was president of the board of women managers and visited Europe for the purpose of interesting foreign governments. Later, she was appointed by the president of the United States as the only woman member of the American commission to the Paris exposition. She was the possessor of a membership in the Legion of Honor awarded by the French government.

### "Y" NEEDS MEN

(By Associated Press to The Banner) CLEVELAND, O.—There is urgent need for men beyond the draft age in the Y. M. C. A. camps and cantonments and back of the firing line "over there," Robert E. Lewis, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. told members of the Cleveland Engineering Society.

### AUSTRIAN EMPEROR AT FRONT; ALLIES GAIN 500 YARDS

Austrian Capital Seething With Unrest; American Troops Are Active

(Compiled From Associated Press Dispatches) Germany has not yet taken up the offensive in the west and probably another effort against the allied armies is held in abeyance to be made simultaneously with the heralded Austro-Hungarian drive against the Italians.

The allied troops, in an attack between Loere and Drancourt, have advanced their line 500 yards on a front of 1,000 yards, gaining positions which strengthen the important section of the front between Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge. German counter-attacks were repulsed with loss. Berlin attempts to make out the attacks were made in large force. It says they were repulsed and that the French lost 300 prisoners.

The coming of a strong push on the Italian front is heralded officially from Vienna which announces that Emperor Charles and his military advisers are now on the front. In Trentino and the Tyrol there have been large movements of enemy troops. Rome does not report any marked infantry fighting nor does Vienna, but the Italian war office notes a great increase in the violence of the Austrian artillery fire.

Emperor Charles leaves his capital at a time when Austria is seething with political unrest. In all parts of his domain the Liberals are protesting against his action in dismissing parliament.

American troops on both the Toul and Lunerville sectors have been more busy than usual with the Germans. Northwest of Toul the Germans attempted to occupy a trench, formerly held by the Americans and which was evacuated a month ago. The American artillery broke up the German effort, but further activity is not expected.

### Australians Make Gain

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 6.—(By The Associated Press)—Last night the irrepressible Australians gave the Germans, west and southwest of Morlaucourt, between the Ancre and the Somme rivers, another drubbing and advanced the entente line to a depth of 500 yards along a front of 2,000 yards. The enemy offered a strong resistance which was entirely to the liking of the hardy Australians, who inflicted casualties and came back with more than 150 prisoners.

The losses of the attacking troops were slight.

### JAPS DENY PLAN TO STRENGTHEN HOLD IN SIBERIA

(By Associated Press to The Banner) MOSCOW, Sunday, April 28. (By The Associated Press)—Official denial has been made by Japanese Consul Uyeda to the Russian foreign office to rumors that the Japanese are placing machine guns in Vladivostok and are arranging to increase their forces there.

### FAMOUS RACER DIES

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WILMINGTON, O.—"G. W. D., 2:08 1/4, one of the most noted race horses this community ever has known, is dead near Sabina. He was owned by William Gordon and singularly enough, died the same day as his owner. The animal was one of a number that became famous on the trotting turf, all from Clinton county.

Whatever thrift is, it is not avarice; avarice is not generosity; after all, the thrifty people are generous. Show your thrift and generosity to your government when you buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps.